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In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Weekly prices were higher on the larger sizes, but slightly lower on mediums in the Southeast. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady on the lighter weight eggs and fully steady to firm on the larger sizes entering the week. Demand was light to good. Supplies of the lighter weight eggs were usually adequate to balanced. The larger sizes were closely balanced to very tight and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings ranged tight to sufficient for the light to good demand. Light type hens were about adequate for irregular processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm for the larger larger sizes and steady for the balance. Retail demand was noted as improved, moderate to very good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were very tight and held with confidence for the larger sizes and usually adequate to in balance for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices were 1 cent higher. Trading was light to moderate for the usually limited offers. Breakers in need of shell eggs were paying premiums as sellers hold with increased confidence. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-108	102-105
LARGE	98-106	99-104
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	81-85
MEDIUM	67-71
SMALL	43-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on the larger sizes, but unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's prices. The market tone was firm on the heavier weight eggs and steady for medium eggs. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were closely balanced to adequate. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for the fair to good demand. Light type hens were usually about adequate for less than normal to normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-117	106-110
LARGE	99-114	104-108
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was firm for the larger sizes and steady for the balance. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies of the larger sizes were tight and held with confidence. Mediums and smalls were adequate to in balance.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105.5-114	107-110
LARGE	104.5-113	106-109
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on larger sizes, however slightly lower on medium when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were close balanced to tight and where available held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules ranged from overtime to less than normal. Light type fowl were about adequate for reduced holiday schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.25-114	108-111
LARGE	96.25-112	106-109
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were in close balance to about adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	113-117
LARGE	111-115
MEDIUM	96-100

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good. Supplies of larger sized eggs close to tight, lighter weight eggs mixed.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	104-110
LARGE	103-108
MEDIUM	90-97

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WESTERN Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 7 cents higher on large, and unchanged on mediums. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last Monday with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 9%. Retailer demand improved to mainly good. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 7 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand improved to good. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 101. Ads in Northern California: major- jumbo dozen 219, large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 199.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	143
EXTRA LARGE	142
LARGE	137
MEDIUM	121

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	299-339	JUMBO	299-349
EXTRA LARGE	289-329	EXTRA LARGE	279-329
LARGE	229-289	LARGE	239-299
MEDIUM	129-269	MEDIUM	199-269

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 14, 2003 will decrease by 18 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 07, 2003 were 295,738 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	258,095	37,643	295,738

% change from the prior week.....	+29	-9	+22

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were one cent higher. Trading was light to moderate for the usually limited offers. Most breakers still trying to work from regular commitments and company owned production. Breakers in need of shell eggs were paying premiums as sellers hold product with increased confidence. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules were full-time to part-time depending on breakers ability to secure enough product. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	82-85	84
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	69-74	69

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to barely adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was well cleared. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-NOV-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.51
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to instances good for spent heavy hens. Offerings were adequate for reduced schedules at processing plants. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	8.5-9	8.76

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 83 to 90 cents FOB, mostly 83 to 85 cents FOB. No pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole and whites, about steady on yolk. Whole egg and white demand generally good, moderate to fairly good for yolk. Breakers producing product for immediate needs only. Supplies of nest run breaking stock limited with prices unchanged from last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	69-73	70.56	.48
WHITES	7	57-65	58.36	.03
YOLKS	12	81-84.5	82.33	.08

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM NOV 10, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	16.5	8.6	10.0	53.9
	Change	-1.4	-0.3	-0.2	-3.6	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.2	46.9	14.5	20.3	147.0
	Change	-1.4	-10.6	0.6	-7.6	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	56.9	101.8	80.7	104.3	464.2
	Change	2.5	-15.3	-14.5	-16.5	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	53.2	14.9	24.8	137.5
	Change	0.7	5.0	-7.5	1.7	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	7.4	1.2	5.8	22.2
	Change	-0.5	1.6	-1.2	1.4	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	22.9	7.5	12.5	53.9
	Change	1.2	2.1	1.1	-4.8	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.9	25.7	17.6	31.4	132.3
	Change	7.6	-2.8	4.2	7.8	10%
Total	Curr Wk	139.6	274.4	145.0	209.1	1,011.0
Percent	Change	7%	-7%	-11%	-9%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,011.0	-6%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	247.0	6%	36

Total Shell Egg	1,258.0	-4%	207
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 13, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 11.75								FUTURE LOADS 7.00								TOTAL LOADS 18.75							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	88.00	—	—	90.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	105.50	—	—	—	—	108.00	1.75	GNR W 2	—	—	87.00	88.00	77.00	80.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	96.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	107.00	2.00	GL W MD	80.00	—	—	—	—	87.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	98.00	100.00	96.67	—	4.00	NRBS - 39	60.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									GL W MD	—	—	81.00	83.00	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/03/03-11/07/03

CURRENT LOADS 68.50								FUTURE LOADS 57.25								TOTAL LOADS 125.75							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	85.00	97.17	86.00	87.38	—	—	16.00	GNR W 1	85.00	88.80	—	—	—	—	9.00	GNR BR 1	81.00	86.00	—	—	—	89.00	1.50
GNR W 2	—	—	87.00	88.00	77.00	80.00	4.00	GL W J	103.70	99.00	—	—	—	107.09	3.50	GL W XL	92.00	97.86	—	—	—	101.92	12.25
GNR W 3	—	—	72.00	74.00	—	82.00	2.00	GL W LG	—	99.28	99.50	—	—	101.60	29.00	GL W MD	77.26	82.00	76.00	—	—	83.41	7.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	87.00	88.00	—	—	1.50	GL W SM	59.00	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	106.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	95.33	—	1.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	104.00	.50	GL BR MD	75.00	83.00	—	—	—	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	103.80	94.90	97.64	93.36	95.60	39.50	NRBS - 39	60.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W LG	—	100.31	87.25	92.21	91.29	97.00	34.75																
GL W MD	—	—	80.50	83.67	—	80.67	10.75																
GL W SM	—	—	57.00	58.38	—	—	2.00																
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	96.00	—	1.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	94.00	—	.50																
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 48	75.00	—	—	82.00	83.00	83.46	24.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	62.00	64.81	4.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/03/03	10/27/03	11/04/02
PACIFIC COAST	99	116	479
LOS ANGELES	51	63	399

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	124.63
LARGE	122.63
MEDIUM	104.63
SMALL	82.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	10/26/03-11/01/03
30-dozen case	7,697
Receipts from the mainland:	10/19/03-10/25/03
30-dozen case	8,110

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 11/17/2003

Report Period: 10/12/2003 - 10/18/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,420	1,420
Colorado	0	0	3,926	3,926
Iowa	5,602	4,502	60,003	70,107
Maine	0	0	960	960
Minnesota	3,756	500	10,377	14,633
Missouri	0	0	2,740	2,740
Nevada	0	0	820	820
New Hampshire	0	0	2,490	2,490
North Carolina	0	642	360	1,002
Ohio	0	0	1,680	1,680
Oregon	2,156	455	0	2,611
Texas	0	0	205	205
Utah	1,670	0	9,884	11,554
Washington	0	0	588	588
TOTAL	13,184	6,099	95,453	114,736
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	13,184	6,099	95,453	114,736